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COUNCIL OF EUROPE FRAMEWORK CONVENTION
ON THE VALUE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR SOCIETY
THE FARO ACTION PLAN – STATE OF IMPLEMENTATION

For information and discussion

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Introduction

The "Faro Action Plan" (see [CDCPP\(2016\)11](#)) aims to illustrate the richness and novelty of the principles of the Faro Convention, as well as providing possibilities for interpretation in relation to current societal challenges. The Action Plan should generate common references, create mechanisms and tools to foster initiatives in line with the principles of the Convention.

The Action Plan for 2016-2017 is focusing on the following priorities:

1. Increased efforts to promote the Convention and visibility of the actions

In 2016, the following activities have taken place:

- seven Faro Talks have been conducted (Croatia, Ukraine, Vilnius, Barcelona, and three in France);
- a Faro Meeting was organised in Venice with the participation of 12 countries;
- a company has been contracted to produce promotional films;
- the Faro website has undergone a complete overhaul.

2. Faro Community: an increased number of community members, ongoing discussions to improve interpretation of the Faro Convention, appreciation visits

In 2016, the following activities have taken place:

- four appreciation visits carried out (Forlì, Cervia, Teula de Senia);
- four applications reviewed for expansion of the community;
- a collaborative platform and Facebook page established.

3. Faro in Action: development of good practices, workshops and creation of a pool of experts

In 2016, the following activities have taken place:

- good practices identified for review;
- workshops identified for implementation in 2017 and beyond;
- a handbook for Faro Action developed;
- a pool of facilitators and practitioners is being developed.

4. Research and exploration of new opportunities; linkage with HEREIN and the European Heritage Days

In 2016, the following activities have taken place:

- a pool of experts has been identified;
- reinforced involvement of academia, and a research study "COMUS to FARO" initiated in the Caucasus.

5. Faro Spotlights: work in selected areas to examine the role of heritage in addressing societal challenges, including Frampol [Poland], Viscri [Romania], Marseille [France]

In 2016, the following activities have taken place:

- four assessment missions carried out (Viscri, Ostroh, Frampol, Biscay)

In 2017, the following activities are foreseen:

- Four regional Faro Labs reaching out to all member states;
- Faro films;
- Meeting of academics and NGOs;
- Faro Community meeting;
- Faro appreciation visits;
- Faro spotlight missions;
- Increased good practices;
- Transversal programme development with other units of the Directorate.